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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCNAMIS.  
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER FOR MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION CIA  
REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO MR JOHN YEO.

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DATE: 25 APRIL 1974

SUBJECT: PORTUGAL-SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1200 HOURS

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BY NOON LISBON TIME THE LEVEL OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS IN  
LISBON HAD DECREASED OVER THE PAST THREE HOURS ACCORDING TO THE  
LATEST SITUATION REPORT FROM EMBASSY LISBON. TROOPS EVACUATED  
THE MAIN DOWNTOWN SQUARE WHERE THE ARMY AND NAVY MINISTRIES ARE  
LOCATED AND ARE NOW CONCENTRATED AT NATIONAL REPUBLICAN GUARD  
4 (GHR) HQ.

3 THE DISSIDENTS CONTINUE TO BROADCAST EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS OF  
2 PROGRESS, STATING THAT REBEL FORCES HAVE CAPTURED THE PORTUGUESE  
1 LEGION HEADQUARTERS, MAJOR RADIO STATIONS, THE ARMY AND MINISTRY

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OF ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN LISBON, AND A FEW MILITARY INSTALLATIONS OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL. THEY FURTHER CLAIM THAT PRESIDENT THOMAZ AND PRIME MINISTER CAETANO AND SOME OTHER MINISTERS ARE SURROUNDED BY REBEL FORCES AT GNR HEADQUARTERS, AND THAT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN AN ULTIMATUM TO SURRENDER.

ACCORDING TO AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE, THE REBELS HAD OBTAINED THE SURRENDER OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE TIME THE ULTIMATUM EXPIRED AT 1300 LISBON TIME. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM OR REFUTE THIS.

THE REBEL COMMUNIQUE THIS MORNING THAT CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS AFRICAN POLICY ALSO WENT QUITE FAR IN PROMISING DEMOCRATIC REFORMS AND FREE ELECTIONS. WE STILL HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT GENERALS SPINOLA AND COSTA GOMES HAVE RESPONDED TO THE CALL OF THE 7-MAN JUNTA THAT THEY JOIN THE MOVEMENT.

THE OUTCOME OF THE COUP SEEMS LIKELY TO HINGE ON THE SITUATION WITHIN THE MILITARY AND WHETHER A MAJORITY REMAIN LOYAL TO THE GOVERNMENT OR SUPPORT THE REBELS.

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